

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has copied the claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,425,919, which issued July 30, 2002; No. 6,482,235, which issued November 19, 2002; and No. 6,508,839, which issued January 21, 2003, for the purpose of provoking an interference with all three patents. Newly submitted claims 19-38 correspond to claims 1-20 of the '919 patent; newly submitted claims 39-66 correspond to claims 1-28 of the '235 patent; and newly submitted claims 67-84 correspond to claims 1-18 of the '919 patent.

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